This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method for searching for information within a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:

obtaining a list of one or more keywords from a search query entered by a user of a first peer node;

sending a rating request message comprising the list of one more keywords to a server;

receiving a rating response message comprising a list of node identifiers from the server, wherein each listed node identifier identifies a node within a peer-to-peer network from which a file has previously been retrieved in response to a peer-to-peer search that used a keyword in the list of one or more keywords;

initiating a peer-to-peer search from the first peer node by sending a search query message to a plurality of peer nodes, wherein the search query message comprises the search query, and wherein the plurality of peer nodes includes at least one peer node identified in the list of node identifiers from the server;

receiving a result of the peer-to-peer search at the first peer node; and

storing the result of the peer-to-peer search.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving from a second peer node a search result message for the peer-to-peer search comprising a node identifier for the second peer node; and

retrieving from the second peer node a file identified by the search result message.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

capturing a node identifier for the second peer node from which the file was retrieved; and

storing at the first peer node the node identifier in association with the list of one or more keywords.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

generating client rating information at the first peer node, wherein the client rating information comprises data relating one or more keywords and one or more captured node identifiers; and

sending the client rating information to the server.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the client rating information comprises data relating file usage statistics for the retrieved file and one or more captured node identifiers.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:
        capturing file usage statistics for the retrieved file; and
        storing at the first peer node the file usage statistics in association with the list of one or more keywords.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
registering the first peer node with the server.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
        receiving a rating module from the server; and
        installing the rating module on first peer node.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the rating module is installed as part of a process of registering the first peer node with the server.

10.   (Previously Presented) A method for facilitating a search for information within a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:
        receiving at a server a rating request message comprising a list of one more keywords from a peer node;
        searching a rating database for matching keywords;
        retrieving a list of one or more node identifiers for peer nodes in a peer-to-peer network that are associated with the matching keywords;
        sending to the peer node a rating response message comprising the list of node identifiers, wherein each listed node identifier identifies a node within a peer-to-peer network from which a file has previously been retrieved in response to a peer-to-peer search that used a keyword in the list of one or more keywords;
        receiving the rating response message comprising the list of node identifiers at the peer node; and
        storing the list of node identifiers at the peer node.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

receiving client rating information from the peer node; and

indexing the client rating information from the peer node with client rating information from additional peer nodes into the rating database.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

initiating a financial transaction for a user or an owner of the peer node in response to accepting a request to access the rating database.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

registering the peer node at the server.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

downloading a rating module to the peer node.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

identifying the registered peer node as a subscribing peer node, wherein a subscribing peer node receives access to the rating database for a periodic fee.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

identifying the registered peer node as a rating peer node, wherein a rating peer node is allowed to submit client rating information to the server.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:

providing the rating peer node with access to the rating database for no fee.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:

providing the rating peer node with access to the rating database for a predetermined fee.

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